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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Currently Amended) A medical device comprising: a graft material, [a] an  
 2 exposed stent affixed to and extending from the graft material, the stent  
 3 comprising a plurality of struts and bends between adjacent pairs of struts, the  
 4 bends defining apices, and at least two spaced apart fastenings affixing the stent  
 5 to the graft material at each apex, each fastening including at least two turns of  
 6 an elongate flexible fibre through the graft material and around a portion of the  
 7 stent wherein a first of the at least two spaced apart fastenings is placed at the  
 8 apex and a second of the at least two spaced apart fastenings is placed adjacent  
 9 the transition from the bend to the strut.

1 2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the at least two  
 2 fastenings each include a knot arrangement to tie off the elongate flexible fibre.

1 4. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 3 wherein the knot arrangement  
 2 includes at least two thumb knots and preferably four thumb knots.

1 5. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 3 wherein the knot arrangement is  
 2 situated on the outside of the graft material.

1 6. (Previously Presented) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the flexible  
 2 fibre is selected from the group comprising a mono-filament suture material and  
 3 a braided suture material.

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1 7. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the graft material is a bio-  
2 compatible woven or knitted material selected from the group comprising  
3 polyester and expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.

1 8. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the stent is selected from  
2 the group comprising a balloon expandable stent or self-expanding stent.

1 9. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the stent is a self-  
2 expanding Z-stent.

1 Claims 10 and 11. (Cancelled)

1 12. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the fastenings are spaced  
2 apart enough that the turns of fibre do not pass through the same portion of the  
3 graft material.

1 13. (Previously Presented) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the spacing  
2 apart is from 0.5mm to 2mm.

1 Claims 14 - 21. (Cancelled)

1 22. (Previously Presented) A medical device as in Claim 1 wherein the least two  
2 spaced apart fastenings affixing the stent to the graft material comprise machine  
3 sewn stitches engaging the graft material either side of the respective struts and  
4 passing over the strut.

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- 1 23. (Original) A medical device as in Claim 22 wherein there are at least five  
2 stitches on each strut.

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